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PROTECTION SWITCH WITH REVERSE VOLTAGE PROTECTION

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European Patent Application EP 0 720 270 A2 to Richard K. Williams et al., "Low-Side Bidirectional Battery Disconnect Switch," discusses battery disconnect switches that are entirely bidirectional, i.e., capable of blocking or conducting a current in either direction.

- U.S. Patent 5,883,495 to Smith et al., "Bidirectional Current Control Circuit Suitable for Controlling the Charging and Discharging of Recharageable Battery Cells," discusses bidirectional current control circuits suitable for use in controlling the charging and discharging of rechargeable battery cells.
- U.S. patent 6,259,306 to Brulhart et al., "Control System for a Bidirectional Switch with Two Transistors," describes a control system for a bidirectional switch.

The following information was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application. The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document is provided therein. A copy of that communication is attached:

European Patent EP 1 047 174 A1 to Arthur Descombes, "Circuit de protection pour batterie."

Sincerely,

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